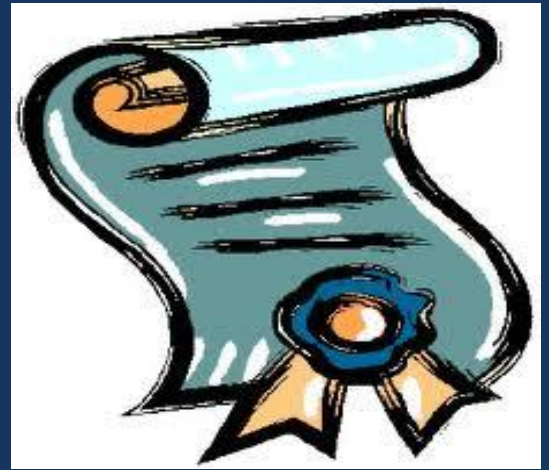


The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: October 2011



This newsletter is purely dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County and will be distributed after the County Council prefile deadline which is typically the last Thursday of the month. It will include legislation under consideration by the Howard County Council and the Howard County State legislation while still in session. Included within each section you will find a



brief description of each proposed legislation. I hope you find this information helpful and take advantage of this opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation for consideration by the

Howard County Council, please send an email to Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. The Howard County State Legislation is no longer in session. However, should you have any questions relating to the legislation included in this newsletter, please feel free to email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

Howard County Council INTRODUCTIONS

*All current Council legislation can be found online at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Displayprimary.aspx?ID=4294968832>.

CR 151-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Faenita Dilworth to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR 152-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dawn Marie Duignan, LCSW-C to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR 153-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Richard J. Green to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR 154-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ashlyn Hood to the Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR 155-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Donna Pidel to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR 156-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Debra Poquette to the Howard County Board of Directors of the Revenue Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR 157-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Duane St. Clair to the Board to Promote Self Sufficiency.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR 158-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Harry Evans, III to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB 51-2011 Introduced by: Calvin Ball

AN ACT authorizing the Department of Police to impound a vehicle under specified circumstances; specifying the criteria for release of the vehicle; and generally relating to parking violations in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB 52-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT eliminating the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to Boards and Commissions in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR 53-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT requiring that appeals from a decision of the Hearing Examiner shall be heard on the record; and generally relating to appeals to the Board of Appeals.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR 159-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant a permanent easement to the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company in certain real property owned by the County located at Monarch Mills (formerly known as Guilford Gardens); waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easement if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR 160-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive.

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 5-301 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the Howard County Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2013 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2014-2018 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Committee on School Construction.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINAL CONSIDERATION

CR 125-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of J. Allen Cornell to the Howard County Directors of the Revenue Authority.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 126-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Victor C. Crensil to the Human Rights Commission.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 127-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Donzella Curtis to the Housing Commission.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 128-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Danielle Ellis to the Recreation & Parks Board.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 129-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Athena Kan to the Commission for Women.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 130-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Richard A. Kohn, Jr. to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 131-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Andrea Kolp to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 132-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jose Maldonado to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 133-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Stephen Martin to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 134-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Robert D. McMenamin to the Fire and Rescue Services Board.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 135-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sang W. Oh to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 136-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Robin Toler, M.D. to the Adult Public Guardianship Review

Board.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 137-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of David Wasser to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 138-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Peggy M. White to the Howard County Design Advisory Panel.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 140-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Carol A. Beatty to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 141-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jean L. Daniello to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 142-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of John F. Meitl to the Fire and Rescue Services Board.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 143-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of David M. Moynihan to the Fire and Rescue Services Board.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 144-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of

Edward L. Waddell to the Howard County Revenue Authority.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

FINANCIAL

SAO2-FY2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$10,006 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Sheriff's Office for a grant to provide overtime funding to deputies assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CB 48-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$100,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and up to \$10,000,000 metropolitan district bonds, pursuant to various bond enabling laws; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

TAO1-FY2012 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$600,000 in excise tax funding to capital project T7101, State/County Shared Intersections, from capital project J4148, Dorsey Run Road Extension; making certain text changes to the detail pages for Capital Project T7101 in order to authorize certain studies to be funded by the transfer.

Final Action: Passed as amended 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR145-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopted pursuant to the Maryland Economic Development Revenue Bond Act providing for the consent by Howard County, Maryland to (1) the transfer of the 634-unit residential rental housing facility located in Elkridge, Maryland known as the "Sherwood Crossing Apartments," by WLA Sherwood Investors VI, L.L.C. to KMF Sherwood Crossing, LLC (the "Purchaser"), the costs of which facility were refinanced with the proceeds of the County's Variable

Rate Demand Multifamily Housing Revenue Refunding Bonds (Sherwood Crossing Apartments) Series 2003, and (2) the assumption by the Purchaser of the borrower's surviving obligations under Amended and Restated Regulatory Agreement relating to such bonds; authorizing the County to enter into an amendment to such Regulatory Agreement; making certain findings; and authorizing the County Executive and other County officials to do all acts and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

GENERAL

CB 49-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Amended and Restated Developer Agreement and Right of Entry for a Major Public Sewer System between Howard County, Maryland, Autumn Development Corporation, and Autumn River Corporation for the acquisition of the Autumn River Wastewater Pumping Station; and authorizing the County Executive to take certain actions in connection with the Agreement.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 146-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code declaring that a portion of Preservation Parcel U in the Riverwood subdivision subject to a Forest Conservation Easement comprising approximately 0.11 acres is no longer needed by Howard County, Maryland for public purposes provided that, in exchange for the conveyance of such .11 acres, .30 acres is conveyed to the County and encumbered with a Forest Conservation Easement; authorizing the County Executive to terminate the property interest, vesting title to the adjacent property owner, Winchester Homes, Inc.; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the property may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CT 147-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Calvin Ball

A RESOLUTION amending the rules that implement the Settlement Downpayment Loan Program established under Title 13, Subtitle 9 of the Howard County Code; requiring a certain minimum debt ratio; requiring that a home be used as a

primary residence; limiting the use of loan payments to finance certain discount fees; prohibiting the use of a loan in conjunction with certain primary loans; and generally relating to the Settlement Downpayment Loan Program.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 148-2011 Introduced by: Courtney Watson at the request of Linwood Center, Inc.

A RESOLUTION endorsing an application by Linwood Center, Inc. to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Investment Tax Credit program providing tax credits for individuals who donate to certain 501(c)(3) organizations.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 149-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of The Red Devils

A RESOLUTION endorsing an application by The Red Devils to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Investment Tax Credit program providing tax credits for individuals who donate to certain 501(c)(3) organizations.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

TABLED

CR 139-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Arthur John Whittle to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CB 50-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa and Courtney Watson

AN ACT, pursuant to State law requirements, repealing and reenacting the Howard County Public Ethics Law; defining certain terms; restating the role of the Howard County Ethics Commission and the role of the County Solicitor; authorizing certain late fees for failure to file certain forms; clarifying certain prohibited conduct and interests; clarifying provisions related to gifts and authorizing the acceptance of certain limited types of gifts; maintaining certain exceptions currently allowed under the Howard County Charter; clarifying the disclosure of certain information by elected officials, candidates for elected offices, county employees and board and commission members; clarifying and expanding certain lobbyist provisions including reporting requirements;

providing for certain enforcement; and generally relating to the Howard County Public Ethics Law.

Final Action: Passed 10/3/11

Votes: Unanimous

CR 150-2011 Introduced by: Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action:

Votes:

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, October 11, 2011 Monthly Meeting at 12:30pm in the C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, October 17, 2011 Legislative Public Hearing at 7:30pm
- Monday, October 24, 2011 Work Session at 4:30pm
- Monday, November 7, 2011 Legislative Session at 7:30pm
- Monday, November 14, 2011 Work Session at 12:3pm in the C. Vernon Gray Room

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, visit http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_Legislative_CouncilCalendar.htm

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed real time on this website.

Thank you for your willingness to remain engaged.

All the best

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"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service." ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow